



Snapshot of High School Class of 2004

Source: Michigan Merit Award, Michigan Department of Treasury

Michigan Merit Award – Rewards academic achievement and makes postsecondary education more affordable. Qualifying students are eligible for \$2,500 to be used at any approved postsecondary educational institution. The award is available to all public school, public school academy, nonpublic school, and home school students. Funding is provided by a portion of Michigan's share of the revenue from the November 1998 multi-state settlement agreement with tobacco manufacturers. A student must take the MEAP High School Tests in mathematics, reading, science, and writing. Students who achieve Level 1 or Level 2 on all four tests, and who meet all other eligibility requirements, qualify for the \$2,500. Unlike many other scholarship programs for postsecondary education, the Michigan Merit Award is based solely on academic achievement. The Class of 2000 was the first eligible graduating class.

CLASS OF 2004 - PUBLIC	Math	Science	Reading	Writing	Social Studies*
Level 1 - Exceeded Michigan standards	11,677	8,143	17,306	6,085	1,950
Level 2 - Met Michigan standards	50,432	58,758	62,908	54,894	34,076
Level 3 - Basic level of achievement	15,615	14,427	15,018	36,979	29,235
Level 4 - Not endorsed	27,999	24,248	10,004	7,597	37,682
Total tested	105,723	105,576	105,236	105,555	102,943
Enrollment (as reported in Fall 2003)	108,688				

CLASS OF 2004 - NON-PUBLIC	Math	Science	Reading	Writing	Social Studies*
Level 1 - Exceeded Michigan standards	1,601	944	2,188	1,004	126
Level 2 - Met Michigan standards	4,234	4,998	4,496	4,712	1,510
Level 3 - Basic level of achievement	692	641	290	1,319	874
Level 4 - Not endorsed	591	505	122	116	609
Total tested	7,118	7,088	7,096	7,151	3,119
Enrollment (reported voluntarily)	9,352				

*Social Studies scores are not used in the calculation for a Merit Award.

	Class of 2004	Class of 2003	Class of 2002	Class of 2001
Total Estimated Enrollment (public and non-public)	118,040	120,188	112,027	110,898
Merit Award Recipients	52,727	51,331	51,733	48,671
Potential Award Liability	\$131,817,500	\$128,327,500	\$129,332,500	\$121,677,500

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